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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2000. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims (marked changes version in attached Appendix) such that pending claims 3, 32, 36 and 47 are as follows:

7/ 3. (Six Times Amended) A nasal dilator for preventing outer wall tissue of nasal passages of a user's nose from drawing in during breathing, comprising:

Q₁ a flexible truss member having an initial state absent flexure thereof, the truss member including:

a first end region with an end region surface having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to adhesively engage the outer wall tissue of a first nasal passage;

a second end region with an end region surface having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to adhesively engage the outer wall tissues of a second nasal passage;